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FUNDING AND ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has received the report from the review committee constituted to look into the funding and activities of Voluntary Organizations in the country;

(b): if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by the Government against erring Voluntary Organizations so far; and

(c) the criteria adopted for recognition of Voluntary Organizations and funding of such activities particularly for socio-economic development of tribals?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (c). The Project Screening Committee constituted by the Ministry had been assigned the task of review of ongoing projects sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organizations to decide their continuation/ discontinuation during 2004-05 and also to screen the proposals received for sanction of new projects. The Project Screening Committee during its meeting held on 8.11.2004 reviewed the status of on-going projects as per the criteria indicated below:

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(i) The projects sanctioned to the Established Voluntary Agencies like Rama Krishna Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangh and the like which have since been running in tribal areas and their continuation in the areas is still felt necessary, all these projects of EVAs would continue.

(ii) To discontinue the ongoing projects either not located in ITDP/MADA/Cluster areas or in areas where such facilities through State/Central Govt. run schemes are already in existence.

(iii) To discontinue such ongoing projects, whose Inspection Reports from State Govt. or Quarterly Progress Report from NGO are not received regularly.

(iv) To discontinue the projects, which have not been found running satisfactorily as per report of the State Govt. or Ministry officials.

(v) The organisaions running more than one project under a scheme or under different schemes of the Ministry may be allowed to continue preferably only one project, most suited to the area.

(vi) The organisations running projects of other Ministries along-with the projects of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs would be discouraged.

(vii) The organisations running projects satisfactorily in tribal areas and in such other areas that do not have similar facilities provided under these projects through State/Centre run Schems/programmes to continue their projects.`

Based on recommendations made by committee, the Ministry has approved continuation of 518 projects run by as many as 235 voluntary organizations.